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Dear Mr. Williams:

Our client, New Times Communications Corporation, has now had a chance to investigate the claims made in your letter of October 7.

It was in error in stating that Mrs. McMillan filed no story on her interview with Lee Harvey Oswald in 1959, and that error will be corrected.

We find no error in the other statement to which you take exception. The Warren Commission hearings contain testimony by your client that she interviewed Oswald at the request of John McVickar, a Statement Department official, and in an article for Harper's, Mrs. McMillan said that she sought out Oswald "on the advice of an American colleague in Moscow". Moreover, the excerpts from a panel on the Kennedy assassination and the media part of the A.J. Liebling Counter-Convention support this position. Mrs. McMillan, a participant in the panel, did not deny the statement by Mr. Lane that Jack Lynch of the United States Department of State advised that three employees of the State Department, one of whom was identified as Priscilla Johnson, contacted Oswald.

Yours very truly,

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